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[NOTE: If you are a regular reader of DXLD, and a source of DX news but have not been sending it directly to us, please consider yourself obligated to do so. Thanks, Glenn]

** AFRICA. Checked some Internet sites from African (State) Radio stations:

CÙte d`Ivoire: Site looking fine. You can choose a regional mirror site to make it faster. Only FM freqs. Real audio and "real video": very little picture every two or three seconds. Only News broadcasts of October 2000....

Madagascar: Some news plus freq. schedule. Terrible layout, almost unreadable, site supported by transmitter.org

Cameroon: Some news plus a news archive, which seems to contain almost no documents. No info about CRTV.

Ethiopia: Radio Ethopia: All info is on old paper infosheets which have been scanned and put into a very colourful environment.

Mozambique: Very many frequencies and Santa Claus everywhere...

Namibia, Liberia: very little info.

Angola: quite professional

Somaliland: Radio Hargeisa: dto., schedule in English, but all programming in Somali. View national currency or visit the University of Hargeisa and become Master in Gender Studies...

Zimbabwe: also, but no real audio yet.

Kenya: multilingual news service, lots of technical info, all presenters and shows featured, lots of photos, looking fine. Only one SW freq: 4885.

Senegal, Chad: unavailable

All pages linked on http://www.poba.de/africalist.html

(Thorsten Hallmann, Muenster, Germoney [sic], March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELGIUM [non]. The broadcaster which will be transmitted from May 6 on Sundays only 1000-1400 on 6015, is the German-language Radio Sunshine from Belgium (Ralf Weyl, J¸lich transmitting station)

A search leads to the homepage http://www.asiman.com/radio-sunshine/index.htm but no word about shortwave there so far. This is a low power FM station at Kelmis, the Belgian border-town on the old road (not the new "E 40" autobahn) from Aachen to LiËge (Kai Ludwig, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 6105.4, RADIO PANAMERICANA, La Paz, 1020-1050 Marzo 15, m˙sica folclÛrica instrumental. "En Radio Panamericana 6 y 25 minutos..." "Alta tecnologÌa rumbo al nuevo milenio, Panamericana cubriendo las principales capitales del paÌs y ahora con una nueva estaciÛn en La Paz, 96.1 frecuencia modulada, la ˙nica seÒal que rodea al paÌs..." Luego de las 1030 vino el programa de noticias Buenos DÌas, Bolivia (Rafael RodrÌguez, Bogot·, Colombia, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. National radio staff to step up protest against new boss | Text of report in English by Bulgarian news agency BTA Sofia, 15 March:

On Thursday [15 March], the 38th day since the beginning of protests of National Radio staffers against the election of Ivan Borislavov as director-general, the protesters announced that they will launch a civil disobedience campaign on Monday [19 March]. The underlying reason is the lack of response from government institutions, said protest leader Silvia Velikova. She declined to specify the nature of the civil disobedience campaign. In a declaration to the National Council on Radio and Television (NCRT), the protesters demanded appointment of interim bodies to manage National Radio until the end of the legal proceedings concerning a petition filed on 19 February by Petko Todorov, one of the candidates for director-general, challenging Borislavov's election. The Supreme Administrative Court postponed the 13 March hearing until 28 March. In the petition Todorov claims that the procedure for naming director-general candidates was "grossly violated". Under the Supreme Administrative Council Act, the appeal against the NCRT decision on Borislavov's election suspends the enforcement of the decision and he cannot hold this position until the court's ruling. The Management Board was appointed before the filing of the petition and, therefore, its

legitimacy cannot be questioned, the NCRT said. Source: BTA news agency, Sofia, in English 1843 gmt 15 Mar 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** CAMBODIA [non]. Voice Of Justice only heard on 17/2/2001 here; I missed 03/03/2001 broadcast, nothing was on air last week; maybe tomorrow a signal will be heard. That is all for now. Keep up the good work (Paul Bailey, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMBODIA. Party secretary speaks about Voice of Justice radio

Indratevi, a Cambodian-language magazine published in Phnom Penh, carries in its 10-25 March issue a report quoting Eng Chhai-eang, general secretary of the Sam Rangsi Party [SRP], talking about the Voice of Justice [Samleng Yuttethoar], the party's radio station. The report says:

"Eng Chhai-eang, general secretary of the Sam Rangsi Party, said his radio station, Samleng Yuttethoar [Voice of Justice] is set up through buying airtime of a radio station abroad because we do not have the budget to set up a radio station abroad ourselves. Eang, however, did not specify how much he paid for the rented airtime. He only said the money for that comes from generous people inside and outside the country.

"Replying to a question on why he did not open a radio station in the country like others but instead rented airtime abroad, Eang pointed out that: 'From 1996 to 1998, we applied to the Information Ministry for permission to set up a radio station in Phnom Penh. The authorities, however, always replied that there was no vacant frequency. I am very curious. We had asked for a frequency for a long time but were always told there were no vacant frequencies. How about those who asked for frequencies after us? How come they all got frequencies? This was surely a political excuse and not a technical one about vacant frequencies.'

"Concerning the refusal to let the SRP set up a radio station, Khiev Kanharit [Information Ministry State Secretary] pointed out that 'Sam Rangsi asked to set up a radio station in the name of a party; I cannot allow him to do this because in this world no party is allowed to set up a radio station. If a party has to have a radio station, then in the future any parties can ask to do this and we have to give permission. Other radio stations were set up through companies, for example the radio stations of Sambok Khmum and Louk Ta Son Sann. Sam Rangsi, however, was not clever. Had he asked to do this in a company's name, it would have been granted.'

"When asked it would be allowed if Sam Rangsi now asked to set up the

radio station through a company, Kanharit replied no, because there are no frequencies left. Try tuning in and you'll see that all the frequencies are occupied. Some are even overlapping. He, however, stressed that if the request is for a digital form, perhaps it can be done but the Ministry still has to consider it first." Source: Indratevi, Phnom Penh, in Cambodian 10-25 Mar 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** CAMEROON. Glenn, re Buea 6005 khz - I can confirm that it was active last October. In fact it was the ONLY active SW frequency from within Cameroon observed during a BBCM survey there in October! (Dave Kenny, BBCM, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No surprise that Buea is not heard very often: the listed TX has 4 kW and in Europe, 6005 is terribly crowded. No chance. I remember their evening freq. was 3970 in the past; this has been heard in Europe a few years ago (Thorsten Hallmann, Muenster, Germoney [sic], March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CBC Previews: FRIDAY, March 16: IDEAS: Tonight on Ideas...Yesterday's Tomorrows. H.G. Wells, Aldous Huxley, Jules Verne, among other dreamers and hopers, had vivid ideas about the future. Their future is now our present. Lister Sinclair unearths past visions of our lives and asks: just how prophetic were yesterday's visionaries and dreamers? That's tonight on Ideas at 9:05 (9:35 NT) on CBC Radio One (CBC Hotsheet via DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. RFPI 15050 has been off the air, back ASAP; meanwhile, 7450 picks up the slack. Regarding the [7450] antenna, a good percentage of the major lobe is toward WEu, a bit off the E coast of NAm, so West Coast and Midwest have a null, off the side, and reports confirm this problem. The reason: space is limited on the University for Peace grounds. The antenna is near a road. The antenna [guy?] wires have to be within the available space, not cross the road, and would also need to cross high-tension wires for the antenna heading to be changed to further north/west. But will try to resolve the problem somehow in the future (James Latham with Joe Bernard, RFPI Mailbag first airing 2000 UT Friday March 16, notes paraphrased by gh for DXLD) Reception on 21815-USB was poor at first, and I did not get the full explanation for absence of 15050. By `picking up the slack` I suppose that means 7450 will be on longer hours than usual 0200-0800. Seems only today or yesterday I noticed 15049 on around 1300 (gh, DXLD)

** CZECH REPUBLIC. Glenn, Prague will continue to be heard well here in the morning, if past summers are any indication. Although directed to Europe, 13580 comes in very well at 1300. So my weekly Saturday morning coffee break with Prague will carry on (Ivan Grishin, Ont., March 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR [and non]. Hi Wolfgang, 11680 is the correct frequency. I am attaching our full international schedule for you. Thanks, Doug Weber, Frequency Manager, HCJB, La Voz de los Andes.

HCJB WORLD RADIO A-01 BROADCAST SCHEDULE
(26 Mar 2001 - 28 Oct 2001; Revised 8 March 2001)

Language UTC Begin	End	Freq. kHz	TX kW	AntAzimuth degr	Target Region	Days: SMTWTFS
ENGLISH						
0000	0400	9745	100	351	N. Amer. (E)	1111111
0000	1430	21455	1	35/225	Eur./S. Pac.	1111111
0000	0700	15115	50	330	N. America	1111111
0400	0700	9745	100	325	N Amer. (W)	1111111
0600	0800	11680	250	36	Europe	1111111
0700	1100	11755	100	228	S. Pacific	1111111
1100	1430	12005	50	43	Caribbean	1111111
1100	1430	15115	100	160/353	N/S America	1111111
1900	2200	17660	100	41	Europe	1111111
2030	2200	21455	1	35/225	Eur./S. Pac.	1111111
2300	0100	17660	100	41	India	1111111
SPANISH						
0100	0500	15140	100	339	Mexico	1111111
0600	0630	11875	100	41	Europe	1111111
0900	1100	9780	100	141	S. America	1111111
1030	0500	690	50	000/180	Ecuador	1111111
1100	0500	6050	50	18/172	S. America	1111111
1100	1300	11960	100	355	Cuba	1111111
1100	1500	15140	100	150	S. America	1111111
1300	1500	15295	100	320	Mexico	1111111
1430	1530	21455	1	35/225	Eur./S. Pac.	1111111
2100	2300	15140	100	150	S. America	1111111
2030	2130	17795	350	50	Europe	1111111
2030	2130	21470	50	41	Europe	1111111
2200	0000	21455	1	35/225	Eur./S. Pac.	1111111
2300	0100	15140	100	160/330	N/S America	1111111

Note: HCJB's shortwave broadcast schedule also includes these programs transmitted from Rampisham in the United Kingdom.

Bashkir	1600	1615	11760	500	62	Central Asia 1000000
Uzbek	1600	1615	11760	500	62	Central Asia 0101000
Tajik	1600	1615	11760	500	62	Central Asia 0010100
Tatar	1600	1615	11760	500	62	Central Asia 0000011

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Georgian 1615 1630 11760 500  62 Central Asia 1000000
Russian  1630 1715 11760 500  62 Central Asia 1000000
Russian  1615 1715 11760 500  62 Central Asia 0111111
Ukrainian1715 1730 11760 500  62 Central Asia 1111111
Arabic   2100 2230 12025 250 165 N. Africa    1111111
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[the seeming binary series are days of week; one would think the Christians would make Sunday the 7th day, but see header as SMTWTFS! Guess this means the WRMF is not so fundamentalist -gh]

Mailing Addr: HCJB World Radio
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Quito, Ecuador S.A. FAX: +593 2 267 263
(HCJB, Douglas Weber, Mar 14, via Wolfgang B¸schel, via DXLD; languages excerpted)

Did anyone notice this surprising entry in the new schedule of R HCJB Quito: 2300-0100 17660 kHz (100 kW, 41 degr) English to India.
ENGLISH 2300 0100 17660 100 41 India 1111111

The start of broadcasts to India is obviously in connection with the application for local broadcasting license. HCJB World Radio's Pres. Elect David Johnson, according to Mission Network News of 15 March: "Legislation in India has changed within that last two years that now allows for private radio. And, so there is an organization based in India who has applied for some licenses and we would come in as assistance to them to help to establish that kind of a ministry in India."

Johnson is hopeful that they'll receive license approval soon. Johnson says they're seeking funds to make sure the plan moves forward. "It costs us anywhere between $20,000 to $30,000 normally, to put in an FM radio station in the city. And, so, in India right now I think five applications are in, so we're going to be needing some funding there." (Dr. Hansjoerg Biener, Germany, Mar 15)

[Last I heard, India already had plenty of religions, and were the root of much bloody strife. Do they really need more Christians? -gh]

HFCC Registration:
17660 1900-2200 27-29,30S,36NE QUI 100 41 English EQA HCJ
17660 2300-0100 12,27-30,40,41 QUI 100 41 English EQA HCJ

CIRAF Table:
12 NW S.America
27 UK, France, Benelux
28 Central & Eastern Eur, not Baltics

29 Baltics, USSR south of 60 deg N & west of 50 deg E
30 USSR south of 60 deg N & between 50-75 deg E
40 Iran, Afghanistan
41 Pakistan, India, Bangladesh

HCJB is trying to reach AFG/India/SAs using azimuth of 41 degrees, seems 1900 hrs local time in Ecuador. HCJB Russian uses 34 degrees towards European Russia.

Is a place-holder for coming HCJB service via new West Australian SW facility ?? (Wolfgang B¸schel, Mar 15, BC-DX via DXLD)

[checked the globe, and 41 degrees from Pifo toward France does go on to cross right across the middle of India -gh later]

** EGYPT. A reception report sent to Egyptian Radio Domestic service, using the address given in Passport 2001 and WRTH 2001 (P O Box 1186, Cairo, Egypt), was returned opened in 4 months; the address on the front of the envelope was crossed out with crayon in Arabic writing. The audio cassette, IRC and the Australian stamps were still inside, even though the envelope was cut open on one side (wax stamp and string was put on the letter by Egyptian post office, Aussie Post had to re-wrap it before sending back to me). Therefore, Egypt is a non-replier to reception reports, both to Radio Cairo, and Egyptian domestic radio service (Paul Bailey, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. Hi all! We will start our regular broadcast next weekend on 11470 kHz AM, as follows: Saturday 17 : 1700-2400 UT, Sunday 18 : 0800-1900 UT. We wait for your comments and reception reports to swrs@usa.net . More news on our website. Good listening, Steve@SWRS SHORT WAVE RELAY SERVICE - SWRS Broadcasting facilities for free & community radio Member of AMARC - World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters address : Postfach 220342 - 42373 Wuppertal - GERMANY e-mail : swrs@usa.net or swrs@swrs.org mailing list : swrs@yahoogroups.com home page : http://www.swrs.org (via hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** GREECE. Indeed I noted ERA Thessaloniki today during daytime on new 9940. This should still be the Avlis transmitter which is in use instead of Thessaloniki/Perea since January, also the switch from 9 MHz to 7430 still takes place at 1700 (Kai Ludwig, Germany, March 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONDURAS. 5010, HRMI RADIO MISIONES INT., 0448-0501* Nueva frecuencia ex-5890. Capatada con el cierre: "...HRMI, Radio Misiones Internacionales a travÈs de la frecuencia 1480 AM y 5.010 Onda Corta se siente complacido de haber contribuido a su crecimiento y

desarrollo espiritual, llevando a usted oraciones, enseÒanza, mensajes, testimonio, hechos bÌblicos de alabanza para la gloria de dios, buenas noches..." (Rafael RodrÌguez, Bogot·, Colombia, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. At 2000 on 11784, I hear RRI-Indonesia (Java), in English, not Iraq as reported by other people. An excellent signal (Paul Bailey, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. We had a previous item that WRN would be satcasting this; here`s more:

Radio voix sans frontiËres: 24 hours on 21st March

16.03.2001 For immediate release From: srutib@amarc.org

Wednesday, March 21 marks the 41st anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre, when peaceful demonstrators against apartheid were killed in a town in South Africa. 2001 is also the year of the planned world conference against racism and xenophobia in September, in Durban. To commemorate this UN International Day against Racial Discrimination, community radios across five continents are going on air in a unique joint broadcast co-production campaign.

The broadcast Radio voix sans frontiËres is co-ordinated by AMARC, World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters and will be hosted by the Centre for Democratic Communications in Johannesburg, South Africa, with regional co-ordination points at Orange 94.0 in Vienna, Austria and Radio Centre Ville in Montreal, Canada. The broadcast will be streamed on the internet (http://www.amarc.org/vsf) and relayed via satellite services of World Radio Network and American Indian Radio on Satellite, which will be re-distributed by community radios locally.

An international press conference is to take place in Vienna on Monday, 19th March, with representatives from AMARC Europe, community Radio Student in Ljubljana, Slovenia and European host radio Orange 94.0. The press conference will be streamed live on the Internet at http://staff.orange.or.at/rvsf/ from 10.00 am CET.

Radio voix sans frontiËres is a mosaic of programmes in over 25 languages, live and pre-recorded contributions from nearly 70 countries in Africa, Europe, North and Latin America, Australia, Asia and the middle East. The continuity will be provided by a team of international journalists and presenters from diverse lingual and cultural backgrounds, linking the broadcast from studios in Johannesburg, Montreal and Vienna. Unique features of the broadcast

include:

Co-production of broadcasters from Southern Africa (South Africa, Zambia, Namibia, Swaziland, Lesotho)
the Link Lusofono, a collaboration between Portuguese speakers from community radios in 12 countries, on the different experiences of racial discrimination in their specific contexts;
a live feed from the United Nations Headquarters in New York, where a special conference on the empowerment of youth is being held, with statements from the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson and from the organisers of the world conference in Durban.
Interview by FIRE, Feminist International Radio Endeavour in Costa Rica, with Gabriela RodrÌguez, Special Rapporteur [Rapporteuse? -gh] of the United Nations for Human Rights and Migration, who talks about women in armed conflict and the need for education about their rights.
Programme on Roma rights in Europe, with testimonials from Roma activists in five Central and Eastern European countries.
Kurdish New Year Nawroz special: dedicated to Kurdish prisoners worldwide

Full programme and satellite details and updates are available on the broadcast website http://www.amarc.org/vsf
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(via Mike Terry, BDXC-UK March 16 via DXLD)

** IRAN [non?]. Regarding R. Harwood -Launceston-Tasmania-Australia`s logging, I am also hearing an unidentified clandestine station on 8850 and 10080 at 2100. Both these frequencies are being jammed from time to time; some days clear reception, other days they are barely heard because of the jamming (Paul Bailey, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRELAND [non]. Dear Glenn, I just want to let you know that I will be honoring the Irish on St. Patrick`s Day on my program, "Marion's Attic". 7 PM EST Saturday on 17.495 Mc. and Saturday 9 PM EST on 7.415 on WBCQ, The Planet. I hope all who listen enjoy it. My helper, Kristina, co-hosts the show with me. It made my laugh and cry producing this show. The Irish gave us such wonderful music. I have heard from many far away places from the 17 meter broadcasts.

Good luck, Allan, aboard the "Katie". Thank-you, dear Glenn for providing your information. I have learned so much from your bulletins and programs. Long live short wave. Lovingly, (Marion Webster, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY/VATICAN. Italian government threatens to pull the plug on Vatican Radio

Italian Environment Minister Willer Bordon on 16 March threatened to cut power to Vatican Radio if the station does not cut the amount of harmful electromagnetic waves it emits, Italian TV teletext reported.

"If Vatican Radio does not revert to the levels of electromagnetic emissions allowed by law from its transmitters in Cesano as soon as possible, I am ready to order all electricity suppliers in our country to cut off supplies," Bordon told a news conference. He said that he would not wait for long, drawn-out "round-table talks or discussions in court". "Anyone supplying Vatican Radio will be considered jointly liable," he said. ANSA news agency reported the radio's director of programming, Father Federico Lombardi, as saying that the strength of transmission signals had already been cut following claims that the "electrosmog" put people living near the transmitters at risk. The La Repubblica daily cited figures from the Lazio public health authority which said children living near the transmitters were six times more likely to get leukaemia than those living in the rest of the region. Source: Rai TV teletext, Rome, in Italian 16 Mar 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

Seems to me the way out of this is obvious: VR has already started relays via foreign sites in a minor way. They might as well contract for all their broadcasts go out via other sites and let someone else take the responsibility for ``electrosmog``, like SRI has been doing. BTW, I enjoy the new(?) word this cÚntrÛversy has generated. I wonder what it is in the original Italian? (gh, DXLD)

** JAPAN. Robert Sutton in New Zealand informs us that JJY, the time signal station of the Communications Research Laboratory in Japan, will end its shortwave transmissions on March 31st. JJY provides the exact time on 5, 8, and 10 megahertz. JJY will continue to transmit on 40 kilohertz longwave, and the exact time can also be obtained from the Web site of the Communications Research Laboratory http://www.crl.go.jp

Toru Yamashita in Japan tells me that the Communications Research Laboratory is issuing a special QSL card for reception of JJY during this last month of its shortwave operation. The address is

Station JJY
Communications Research Laboratory
Tokyo 184-8795

Include one International Reply Coupon, available at your post office, and a label or piece of paper with your name and address, with your reception report. Frequencies again are 5, 8 and 10 megahertz (Kim Elliott, VOA Communications World March 10 via John Norfolk, DXLD)

E-mail reply received from JJY:
Thank you for your e-mail. Short-wave JJY transmissions will cease at 0300 UTC on March 31, 2001. CRL has constructed a new LF radio-station and has started a radio signal dissemination service at 40 kHz. We are sorry that we do not send the QSL-card for e-mail reception report. Then, if you want the JJY QSL-card, you need to make a reception report on paper and send us using actual mail service. When you write a report, you only need to write date and time, frequency, receiving place (address), condition, contents and so on. Here, contents are need for discrimination. Then, you report the content of the Morse code or an announcement on every 9th minute (09, 19, ... 59). When you receive in Uruguay, near 0900 UTC is better for receiving and 8 MHz is probably good. Finally, we are looking forward to your reception report. Regards, Atsushi OTSUKA otsuka@crl.go.jp Phone: +81-90-7410-1127(Until Mar. 18) Phone: +81-42-327-7567(Not available from Mar. 17 through Mar. 18) Fax: +81-42-327-7622(Not available from Mar. 17 through Mar. 18) (via Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 4812.65, XERTA; 1122-1136+, 10 Mar; M in SS w/mainly baladas rom·nticas. Several call IDs -- thought he may have said XERT only a couple of times. SIO=422/het de 4815 (Harold Frodge, ON, MARE via DXLD) Not reported lately; irregular? Why do they bother? (gh)

** NETHERLANDS. March 18th 2001 marks the 25th anniversary of the death of Dutch broadcasting pioneer Edward ("Eddie") Startz. Appropriately enough, 18th March is a Sunday, for it was on Sundays that the famous Happy Station Show was broadcast. For more than 40 of those years, polyglot Eddie presented this unique show, having started it in the 1928 with station PCJJ (later PCJ). On our Web site, two Radio Netherlands listeners, Erich Bergmann and Mike Guy, recount their own personal memories of Eddie and his programme. I might add that I met Eddie in the UK in the early 70's, shortly after his retirement. He was actually a modest, unassuming man. I remember him coming up to me at a DX meeting and asking if I knew where he could buy a postcard. It took a few moments before I realised who he was! (Andy Sennitt, RN, swprograms via DXLD and via John Norfolk)

http://www.rnw.nl/realradio/features/html/startz010315.html

** NETHERLANDS. RN Spanish schedule for A-01:

1100-1125 15450-B, ex-15455-B
1130-1200 9715-B, 6020-B
2230-2330 11715-B ex-11730 until 2325, 15315-B, 9895-F
2330-0030 11715-F from 2325, 15315-B, 9895-F
0030-0125 15315-B, 9895-F
0130-0325 9845-B, 6165-B

There are also broadcasts at 1230 and 1530 on internet and satellite; The 1830 satellite broadcast via Astra to Europe moves to 1730. The news M-F at 1530 will be dropped. No changes in times for Radio Enlace [except on the 1730 broadcast, I assume] (Jaime B·guena, as announced on Radio Enlace March 16 via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. DX Information from the British DX Club (BDXC-UK). Hi all, QSL reply from KWHN Fort Smith AR (got it right !) P/DL [partial data letter] & stickers in 11 D for USD, v/s Lee Mathews, operations Manager. ADDR: KWHN, 423 Garrison Ave, Fort Smith, AR 72901. The v/s mentions that they have been having problems with the transmitter and audio chain equipment and "it is a wonder it is getting out beyond our local coverage area at all". Mention made of station located right on border between Oklahoma and the northwest corner of Arkansas, as posted by Glenn Hauser. 73s Lionel Roithmeir, Guernsey, Channel Islands, March 16, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

I was able to hear it in the daytime on the Will Rogers Turnpike NE of Tulsa, somewhat to my surprise, on insensitive car radio (gh, OK)

** PER/. 3172.7, RADIO MUNICIPAL, Panao, 0940-1010 Marzo 11, M˙sica con los grupos "Los SupermaÒaneros" y "Los OlÌmpicos", " …sta es Radio Municipal con su programaciÛn musical hasta las 5 de la maÒana, acompaÒ·ndoles con los mejores temas folclÛricos nuestra seÒal cubriendo a nivel nacional en la banda de 90 metros y en simult·neo con los 96.3 del FM desde la ciudad de Panao, capital de la provincia de Pachitea, departamento de Hu·nuco..." (Rafael RodrÌguez, Bogot·, Colombia, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PER/. 5544.7, RADIO ESTACION X, Bagua, 1105-1210 Marzo 12. …sta es la nueva emisora reportada por los colegas Malm y Arrun·tegui en varios medios. Notada presentado el programa: La Hora del Galllo Carmelo, conducido por Valerio Santa Cruz Barbosa. "...nosotros seguimos con m·s m˙sica en este hermoso programa de la maÒana, llegando a ustedes con su programaciÛn La Hora de Gallo en tu Radio EstaciÛn X, tu radio amiga que transmite en los 5545 kHz para el Per˙ y el mundo desde Bagua, ciudad de la paz..." Tengo alguna duda con la

direcciÛn reportada por Malm (DXLD, SWB) ya que no tengo claro el nombre del JirÛn aunque el n˙mero sÌ est· correcto: JirÛn --- 198. Mencionaron que operan desde las 1100 a las 0230, cosa que sÌ comprobÈ (Rafael RodrÌguez, Bogot·, Colombia, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PER/. El dia 11 de marzo a las 2330 captÈ a dos emisoras peruanas transmitiendo en frecuencias muy cercanas; estas estaciones son Radio Paucartambo 6520.2 y Radio Ondas del Rio MaraÒÛn en 6519.8 que parece operar muy irregularmente ya que en otros dÌas solo est· la seÒal de Radio Paucartambo con programaciÛn en Quechua.

Con respecto al Radio Ondas del Rio MaraÒÛn, pude captar la siguiente identificaciÛn aunque fue necesario utilizar el modo LSB "...Transmite radio Ondas del Rio MaraÒÛn en los 1500 kcs onda media; en la onda corta banda de 49 metros, radio Ondas del Rio MaraÒÛn, seÒal que apunta hacia el futuro..." (Rafael RodrÌguez, Bogot·, Colombia, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PUERTO RICO. QSL letter dated Feb 20 from "WGIT 1660 AM" received by Rolf Fredriksson, Sweden, who says he heard the station on Feb 3, at 0415. The letter was written in Spanish and signed by Olga Rosario de Matos, Presidente. The address used by Rolf -- and now confirmed by station -- is P O Box 7, Moca, PR 00676. Rolf says that address info was provided by fellow countryman Kurt Norlin, who suggested the address for WZNA 1040, whose owner Aurelio Matos is listed by the FCC as one of the WGIT licensees (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. According to an announcement to be carried in VoR's Our Mail program on March 19, the Russian Service of the Voice of Russia has ceased relays of the United Nations Radio in Russian "due to technical problems." (Sergei Sosedkin, MI, March 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Voice of Russia's 12010 frequency is heard 2100-2200, but not 2000-2100 (there's an open carrier for several minutes before 2100). Of course, this will change March 25, when they will probably go up to 15 MHz 73, (Ivan Grishin, Ont., March 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Glenn, The following is from Alexander Yegorov, R. Ukraine Int. He provides it as I`ve been monitoring R. Ukraine Int signal strength against R. Sofia and VOR. For VOR at 0100 UT I'm not hearing 9450 kHz. However, I am receiving the unlisted 9480 kHz.

"VOR stopped using 9810 kHz from March 6, and changed it to 9480 (presumably). They change regularly in March and September some of

their frequencies for better listening. In my opinion, that's quite reasonable.

Voice of Russia A-01 schedule from March 5, 2001 [sic - that`s M-01]

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          Russian    17660 17565 15595 15445 12030 12000 9480 7125
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          Spanish    12030 12010 11500 9965 9945 9860 9470 9450 7440
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                      7125 693
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          Russian    12030 11695 9875 9470 7185 7170 6185 1314 1143
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          English    12045 9470 7185 7180 7170 6185 1494 1269(via
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          Romanian   9470 7380 7330 999
          Russian    12030 9815 7315 1314
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          Polish     11930 7215 1143
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          Russian    9905 7370 7340 1215 999 693 612
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2230-2300 Albanian   1548
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73, (Kraig Krist, KG4LAC, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. R. Gardarika: We will continue to use 6235 with 268 degrees -- but at 1800-2030 UT (Summer time) -- on March 25-31 only. Starting April 1 a new frequency will be in use (no information yet) (Mikhail Timofeyev, St Petersburg, March 16, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** SOMALIA maybe. 6815/6817: unID station heard two times from 1730 to 1900 recently. No signal after 1900, but didn`t notice closedown. Much talk in unidentified language (likely East African), not very much music: instrumental (traditional + plus a kind of March or anthem, but only a few seconds long). (Thorsten Hallmann, Muenster, Germoney [sic], March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AMERICA. R. Corsario, 16/03/01 UT 0340 14540 usb SIO 322, QRM intenso, m˙sica no definida (presumiblemente indÌgena o similar) no oÌ voz alguna, sÛlo m˙sica, hacia las 0401 perdÌ la seÒal, no se identificÛ. Pude captarla m·s claramente por momentos, posiblemente debido a la propagaciÛn y gracias al DSP del IC-R75. Saludos (Enrique A. Wembagher, Argentina, March 16, ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)

** SWITZERLAND. I, too, would be sorry to see SRI leave shortwave. There is a half-hour broadcast in French at 0200 UT beamed to North America that is quite good (dare I say better than the adjacent English program?). It is a lively pan-European program, even with a weather forecast and temperatures for the region. It's one of those programs that offers more of a regional feel than many stations -- sort of a cross between a domestic program and an international broadcast. I only mention this because I think the show is superior to the blander English output. While there's no Swiss country music at the end (hi), there are usually one or two nice pop tunes by contemporary French or francophone artists (Mike Cooper, GA, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. 9289.9, R Nova Int., Mar 16 0829-0905 U2 "In the Name of Love" @ 0829. Springsteen "Glory Daysí @ 0831. RNI ID @ 0837 into The

Clash "Should I Stay or Go". Clear ID "This is Radio Nova International" @ 0849. R Nova jingle @ 0905 into Bill Haley and The Comets "Rock Around the Clock". SINPO 23232 (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST) So there is no doubt this pirate transmits from UK? (gh)

** BBC Radio 3 picks this weekend, GMT:
Saturday 1930-2000 Met Opera Interval [not the same as in USA]: Talking to Gotham. The final interval in the series in which Miles Wardle talks to leading figures in New York's cultural life. Tonight's guest is Pulitzer Prize winning columnist Jimmy Breslin, author of several comic books including `The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight' and `I'd Like to Thank My Brain for Remembering Me'.

Sunday 1930-2050 Sunday Play: Rossum's Cyber-Cafe By Jeffrey Robinson. A science fantasy about a world in which our lives are dominated by the internet, inspired by Czech playwright Karl Capek's 1921 play `RUR' (for Rossum's Universal Robots), in which robots had similarly insinuated themselves into every facet of human life. With Gayanne Potter, Angus MacInnes, Henry Ian Cusick, Joanna Tope, Derwent Watson, Simon Tait and Emma Currie

2315-2400 World Routes: Eugene Skeef introduces a concert by Africa's most famous singing group, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, given in their home town of Ladysmith. The group's leader Joseph Shabalala also takes him to the nearby farm where he was born and talks about experiences that helped him develop and refine the group's sound.

Radio 4 picks in GMT, Sat:
1530-1600 Art Atlas: Robert McNab looks at the artist adventurers of the colonial era, asking what it might have been like to be the first European to paint or draw a kangaroo or a duck-billed platypus. One of their number was William Daniell, the first artist to make a pictorial record of the Outer Hebrides, in the 1820s.

2000-2100 The Archive Hour: Boy, Oh Boy; He's Going Down... Sean Street looks back at moments when radio reporters and commentators have given way to the heat of the moment and sacrificed their accustomed formality for something far more spontaneous.

Sun 2000-2030: Feedback: Roger Bolton airs listeners' views on BBC radio programmes and policy. [every week at this time, not only about Radio 4 ñ- sort of a domestic expanded version of Write On -gh]

GMT Monday 0015-0048 Dances with the Devil: When the waltz was first danced in public, it provoked a huge stir, with calls for it to be banned. In the second of three programmes, dancer and writer Wendy Buonaventura tells of dances which created scandals when they were

first introduced (BBC Radio 3 and Radio 4 websites via gh, DXLD)

** U K. News of final Waveguide, this from the Worldspaceradio Yahoo forum that Richard is a member of (Mike Barraclough) Subject: Re: [worldspaceradio] shortwave reception via worldspace radios

You can hear the latest about progress with DRM in the March edition of Waveguide on BBC World Service -- Saturday 24th at 0845 GMT and Sunday 25th at 1945 GMT [among many other times, including Sat 0430 to NAm]. The programme will also appear in RealAudio at http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/schedules/ [sic] Apparently DRM sounds like mono FM, even over shortwave. The target is for a radio with DRM set to cost 25% more than an FM set (Richard Lambley [who is the Waveguide host] (speaking personally), worldpaceradio@yahoogroups.com March 16 via Mike Barraclough, England, DXLD)

** U S A. Communications World this weekend includes material from the Winter SWL Fest. This includes an interview with Allen Graham of HCJB. And a small bit of the Pancho Villa broadcast (suitable for family audiences). My interview with Allan Weiner of WBCQ will be broadcast next week. Lots of media news this week, including the Vatican Radio`s electro-smog court case, and SRI`s exit from shortwave. 73 (Kim Elliott, swprograms via DXLD)

** U S A. I heard WOR Extra 40 last week, with the reminder of the WWV survey. The only two things to add are that WWV is running the announcement at 04 and 16 minutes again, since early February. Also, there was an item about it on the ARRL Audio news, which is run on Spectrum on WWCR at the beginning of the program, this was on the February 25 (UT) program. The web address for the text version is: http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/01/0223 -- the audio version is also available at: http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter and look for audio version on the right hand side. 73, Your listener, (David Moore, Morro Bay, California, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9495, WHRI at 2242 Mar 13 with a religious program that sounded like it was part dairy farm and part Beavis and Butthead. Old preacher saying eh-eh-eh-men in a raspy voice. Eh-men, eh-eh-eh-men. Women howling in the background like animals. Mentions by various people that JE-sus is Lord. THANK ya JE-sus. At 2248 preacher starts saying Je-eh-eh-ze-bel. Tape suffered from bad splicing-some of the howls were repeats. Back to eh-eh-eh-men at 2250. At 2253 heard -"Are you taking medication?" -"Amen, brother." -"You're an overcomer." This has been by far the weirdest thing I've heard on SW (Liz Cameron, MI, MARE via DXLD) Imagine if they WEREN'T on their medication! :) -kvz, (= Kenneth Vito Zichi, MARE ed., via DXLD)

** U S A. 9465, WMLK Bethel PA; 1630-1638+, 8-Mar; Elder Jacob O. Meyer Assemblies of Yahweh px; sez they use computers but don't allow access to the www because they want to prevent the outside world from coming into their system. "We are against the world wide web...we must keep our children from this worldly system." S20 (Harold Frodge, ON, MARE via DXLD) S20? Means 20 over 9? (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. Clandestine: (If Pirates are 'kids playing radio', clandestines are 'psychotics playing radio' ... it`s as good a working definition as I`ve found to distinguish the two types of broadcasts.)

6880/U, KSMR Kentucky State Militia Radio; 2321-2330+ 14-Mar; "KSMR, freedom's voice on the air, your 2nd amendment station." Ran 26-Dec-2000 Power Hour px. SIO=3+54 Still going strong @0015-0022+, 15-Mar w/Power Hour px & ute QRM (Harold Frodge, MI, MARE via DXLD)

So there`s another time to monitor. Intermittent 2-way in Spanish here on 6880-USB around 2350 March 16 and still at 0100 recheck. I taped the UT March 16 *0300-0400 on 3260-USB, just in case a bust occur on-air, and may listen to it sometime. A brief check indicated he was going thru the long list of state militias again at some point. Always starts at *0300:00 sharp -- must be watching the clock closely, probably set courtesy of the evil federal government`s NIST station WWV. Once again there was a brief QSO on frequency just after sign-off, but at much weaker level (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [clandestine]. 3260/U Kentucky State Militia Radio; *0211, *0300-0325+ 3/16; SIO=454. First xmsn was an irregular QSO, with the OM ancr testing a new modem that that did not work. Second xmsn was their regularly sked bcst. S/on w/"Take My Gun from My Cold Dead Hands" theme song. Discussion of the KY State Militia & other militia groups, incl sked and contact phone # for various militia meetings. Anti-abortion speech. Supports the Confederacy & says stn protected by the 1st & 2nd amendments. No discussion of FCC or any potential enforcement activity, which I understand could be imminent via CRW. Fine sig; easy armchair copy. Certainly an extremely interesting stn. To my knowledge, this is the 1st regularly sked domestic clandestine beamed to the USA from the USA in history. No addr hrd (George Zeller, OH, Free Radio Weekly via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. You might have heard this new station on your shortwave radio. It's the Radio Service of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. At 26 syllables, that might be the longest name of any international radio service. This Methodist broadcasting service transmits to Africa using transmitter time leased from Deutsche Telekom at J¸lich, Germany.

...Brian Brightly, a Methodist minister from Florida with experience in public radio, is a consultant for this new radio service. I spoke to Pastor Brightly during his recent visit to VOA. [previously quoted in DXLD] (Kim Elliott, VOA Communications World March 10 via John Norfolk, DXLD)

** U S A [non]. GERMANY. 13810, Radio Africa Int`l; 1754-1802+ 8-Mar; Overcomer Ministries of the United Methodist Church. M&W in EE w/reggae & Afro-pop mx. They said px started @1700; Passport has *1600. @1800 EE px of media commentary as reflects Africa. SIO=343. //15485, SIO=4+54 (Harold Frodge, ON, MARE via DXLD)

Don`t you believe PWBR. Indeed the 2001 does show Overcomer Ministry, Germany, 1600-1800 on 13810 to the ME, and that may have one been true last year. But since Jan 1, with tests in Dec, at 1700-1900, \\ much better 15485 here, this is the GBGM of the UMC, certainly no connexion with the wacky cult in South Carolina! I am still astounded that anyone could confuse this reasonable, intelligent programming with Brother Scare.

The General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church indeed now actually IDs as R. Africa International, the less cumbersome name we have been awaiting, as heard at closing 1852 March 16. But their E-mail remains radio@gbgm-umc.org They also announce ``produced in New York City, transmitted from J¸lich, Germany.`` So we list it under USA [non], not Germany, which is merely the transmitter site (gh, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. I suppose that we could have predicted the webcasting of "Connections." 73- Bill Westenhaver

The following story appeared in The Globe Online:
Headline: Lydon to reappear with a Web cast
Date: 3/15/2001
Byline: By Mark Jurkowitz, Globe Staff

"Next Tuesday, nearly three weeks after WBUR-FM (90.9) severed ties with ''Connection'' host Christopher Lydon and senior producer Mary McGrath after a bitter contract deadlock, Lydon will resurrect the popular show with a one-time, one-hour Web cast."

The experimental program - featuring The Boston Globe's John Aloysius Farrell, author of a new book about Tip O'Neill - will be available on http://www.christopherlydon.org at ''The Connection'''s usual 10 a.m. [1500 UT] start. ...

To read the entire story, click on the link below or cut and paste it

into a Web browser:
http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/074/living/
Lydon_to_reappear_with_a_Web_cast+.shtml
(via Bill Westenhaver, QB, DXLD)

** U S A. `The Drive' gets behind the wheel this morning

March 15, 2001 BY ROBERT FEDER SUN-TIMES COLUMNIST

Fasten your seat belt and get ready for "The Drive."

At 7 a.m. today, Bonneville International Corp. transforms an old classic, WNIB, into Chicago's newest radio station -- WDRV-FM (97.1) -- also to be known as "The Drive."

With a $165 million investment and months of market research on the line, Bonneville hopes to attract men between the ages of 25 and 54 to "The Drive" by defying conventional format categories and airing a wide variety of "timeless records" from their youth.

Core artists include the Beatles, the Eagles, the Rolling Stones, Fleetwood Mac, Steely Dan, Creedence Clearwater Revival, James Taylor, Jim Croce, Bruce Springsteen and Billy Joel.

The hybrid of oldies, classic rock and pop hits from the mid-1960s through the early '80s is intended to draw listeners from oldies WJMK-FM (104.3) and adult rock WXRT-FM (93.1). At the same time, Bonneville expects the audience for "The Drive" to complement that of WLUP-FM (97.9), its classic rocker geared to younger men.

At the program wheel of both stations is Chicago radio veteran Greg Solk, who adds the new station to his duties as vice president of programming at the Loop. Solk also was the man behind the clever artist-of-the-day stunt at WNIB.

While Solk assembles an air staff, the new station will air without jocks or commercials for its first few weeks. It will share studios with the Loop at the John Hancock Center.

In addition to its dictionary definitions, "The Drive" was chosen as a nickname to partner with the Loop and to connote a connection to Chicago (as in "Lake Shore Drive").

Heading up "The Drive" as vice president and general manager is Jerry Schnacke, who previously had been general sales manager of Bonneville's WTMX-FM (101.9).

What will set "The Drive" apart from other stations, Solk said,

will be its terse on-air approach and "respectful" presentation.

By getting out of the way of the music and avoiding undue hype and radio clichÈs, the station hopes to win over listeners who feel a pure emotional attachment to the songs that touched their lives.

In formulating the new sound, Solk worked closely with Barry James, station manager and programming chief at "The Mix," and Mark Hamlin, programmer of Bonneville's WNND-FM (100.3).

"This was a collaborative effort in every sense of the word," said Drew Horowitz, president of the Bonneville Chicago Radio Group (Robert Feder, Chicago Sun-Times March 15 via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Subject: Ciudad Primada de AmÈrica. En 1330 transmite R VisiÛn Cristiana desde Santo Domingo, Rep˙blica Dominicana, y tambiÈn desde Paterson, NJ, EUA. Deseo saber si en la transmisiÛn que se efect˙a desde la Rep˙blica Dominicana hay "gates", o "breaks", locales con identificaciÛn local y propaganda local, o si, por el contrario, se retransmite la seÒal procedente de EUA sin modificaciÛn alguna (Henrik Klemetz, Suecia, March 16, ConexÌÛn Digital via DXLD)

Yes indeedy, that could pose an ID problem for DXers if the DR station carries the USA IDs and on the same frequency!! (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. What to expect on 1080 as WTIC and KRLD are silent? [UT Sun Mar 18 0600-0800 or so] If transatlantic conditions are good, then "Cadena SER" from Spain should be an easy target. Radio Barcelona, Venezuela should be heard if Latin American stations are good. Cuba is another possibility. KRLD has been heard under WTIC here, so I fully expect to hear Texas when WTIC is off and KRLD is on. I've heard the Pittsburgh daytimer running all night at times in the past. The west coast stations beam their signals over the Pacific at night, so I don't expect to hear Oregon or California. Coral Gables, Florida might be possible. This should be interesting, perhaps the start of a trend? Maybe other corporations that own stations on the same frequency could be asked to coordinate down-time as a part of next year's CPC efforts? (Bruce Conti - Nashua NH, NRC-AM via DXLD)

** U S A. BCLs to get a clear shot at 1080 kHz: Broadcast listeners can get a clear shot at clear-channel 1080 kHz on the Standard Broadcast dial Sunday, March 18, when the two dominant stations on the channel shut down briefly. WTIC in Hartford, Connecticut, and KRLD in Dallas, Texas -- both Infinity Broadcasting outlets -- have arranged to briefly "go dark," so BCL enthusiasts can listen for the other station as well as for the other stations that occupy 1080. "We found out we were going to be doing scheduled maintenance during the same month and decided it would be a nice gesture to the

DXing community to coordinate this maintenance, since it would be quite impossible for this to happen naturally," said WTIC Chief Engineer Jeff Hugabone, N1KBY.

"As broadcast engineers it is our nature as well to be curious about what folks can hear on 1080; we view this as a sort of 'propagation experiment.'" KRLD will go down first, at 0600 UT (12 midnight Central Time) and remain off for an undetermined period. WTIC is set to leave the air at 0630 UT (1:30 AM Eastern Time) and stay off for at least one hour. BCLs should get a chance to DX KRLD without having to contend with WTIC. Hugabone says if KRLD doesn't get back on the air before WTIC's planned return at 0730 UT (2:30 AM Eastern Time), he will take WTIC off the air for a brief listening window. Both stations` vacating the channel for up to an hour also presents a rare opportunity for BCLs to listen for one of the channel`s other occupants, which include CKSA in Lloydminster, Alberta, Canada; KASH in Anchorage, Alaska; KWAI, Honolulu; and KCNM on Saipan, as well as a host of Mexican, Caribbean, Central and South American AM stations.

Handling the KRLD shutdown in Dallas will be Chief Engineer Eric Disen, WB6LCO. Hugabone and Disen have alerted the National Radio Club to spread the word on the event, which is subject to last-minute change or cancellation without advance notice. WTIC requests reports on what listeners hear to WTIC Engineering, c/o Jeff Hugabone, 10 Executive Dr, Farmington, CT 06032. "WTIC will endeavor to respond to all verification requests--but asks that listeners in our local coverage refrain," Hugabone said. "Responses will take a while as QSLs need to go to the printer's." (ARRL March 15 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No offense taken, but MW DXers in NAm don`t refer to ourselves as ``BCLs``. Another symptom of the gap with hams (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 2840, Colombia/Ecuador??? 1010-1040 Marzo 13, Posible armÛnico 2 x 1420 con programaciÛn religiosa catÛlica, no evangÈlica. Notada en las maÒanas de 1000-1100 y en las noches de 2300-0100 con rezos del Rosario y la misa. No presenta ninguna identificaciÛn, comerciales. Considero que puede tratarse de una emisora localizada en Colombia o Ecuador por el acento de las personas que rezan (Rafael RodrÌguez, Bogot·, Colombia, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Here`s the only ``current log`` on 2840, but surely not this, in http://www.sover.net/~hackmohr/sw.htm ::
2840 CUBA * R Rebelde, [0924-1114] Jan 01 D (h) 4 x 710
while in http://www.sover.net/~hackmohr/swarchive.htm we find:
2840 COSTA RICA TIRP R Pampa, Nicoya [0000-0031] Oct 98 LA (h) 2 x 1420 (gh, DXLD)

"BOING-BOING" INTRUDER LIKELY A CODAR INSTALLATION

The ARRL Monitoring System will formally ask the FCC to monitor yet another intruding signal, this time on the 12-meter amateur band. The widely reported signal sounds a bit like a tightly wound, noisy spring being repeatedly compressed and released. It's believed to be coming from a surface-wave radar installation, possibly in Central or South America.

"It sounds like someone playing with a really noisy spring, or a very poorly tuned guitar string," says ARRL Monitoring System Administrator Brennan Price, N4QX. "This signal is also unique in that it precisely occupies the entire 12-meter band, from 24,890 to 24,990 kHz, with the same pitch and tempo throughout the band."

While the signal does not appear to be overly disruptive to amateur communications, it is almost certainly an intruder. "The 12-meter band is allocated to amateurs on an exclusive basis worldwide," Price says. "This is not one of those instances where the observed station has as much right to use the frequency as United States amateurs; any non-amateur signal on 12 is an intruder."

Informal discussions with professional monitors suggest that the rough pulses--about two per second in frequency--are characteristic of a CODAR (Coastal Ocean Dynamics Applications Radar) transmitter. CODAR is a specific type of HF radar used to map ocean surface currents in coastal zones.

An overview of CODAR theory and applications is available on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Web site, http://www1.etl.noaa.gov/codar/codar.htm
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